which Indian companies should be allowed to uplink from Indian soil;

(b) Whether "private broadcaster are divided on uplink" as reported in the H.T., dated 21.5.98 and that their meeting with Ministry's official recently ended with divided opinion; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) What is Government's opinion/thinking in this regard and reasons for delay in granting uplinking facilities to Indian companies who want early permission?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Government have decided to permit Indian Satellite Channel to uplink from Indian soil through VSNL. All private Channel Operators presently "On air" unanimously welcomed this decision to allow uplinking from Indian soil.

(c) Does not arise.

Harmonium Performers of Carnatic Music

3032. DR. RAJA RAMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether harmonium solo performers of Carnatic music are forbidden from playing the instrument in All India Radio;

(b) if so, the reasons for this discrimination; and

(c) whether with the good harmoniums now available performers will be given contracts as with other musicians?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no discrimination. Only "A" grade artists are allowed solo performance in All India Radio. At present there is no "A" grade harmonium artist in All India Radio panel.

(c) After the introduction of the system of audition for harmonium artists also, all graded artists, depending on their grades, are offered bookings as per the requirement of the station.

Independent Radio/TV Facilities for Amritsar

3033. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Amritsar town is not adequately covered by All India Radio, Jalandhar transmitter;

(b) whether it is a fact that Amritsar falls in its skip-distance and its signal in the town is weak; if so, what steps are being taken to remedy this age old malady; and

(c) considering the importance of Amritsar as pilgrimage, cultural, educational and commercial centre, whether there is any plan to provide it with independent Radio and TV facilities to cater to the Majha region?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Amritsar town is fully covered by the High Power Medium Wave Transmitters of All India Radio at Jalandhar.

(b) There is no skip zone in medium wave coverage.

(c) No, Sir.

Following CCS Rules in CCW, Air

3034. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether, Civil Construction Wing (CCW) All India Radio, still follow the Central Civil Service rules, instructions of personnel Department and Fifth Pay Commission, in service matters;

(b) if so, whether Personnel Department Office Memorandum No. 28034/7/86 Estt. (A) dated 3rd April, 1986 with instructions of Fifth Pay Commission, regarding posting of husband and wife at the same station, have at all been implemented in technical staff, despite having vacancies, especially, when their children are under ten years old;

(c) if so, the details of such persons whose requests were received; and

(d) the action taken with reasons of delay?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Instructions of Department of Personnel & Training are implemented within the constraints of administrative feasibility.

(c) and (d) Only one request was received. The officer had an uninterrupted stay since 1981 and was transferred in 1997 to Balasore and then to Calcutta on his own request.

एकाधिकार और अवरोधक व्यापारिक व्यवहार के अन्तर्गत आने वाले व्यापारिक घराने

3035. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव: क्या विधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में, विशेषकर महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात और त्रिपुरा में 31 मार्च, 1997 तक एकाधिकार तथा अवरोधक व्यापारिक व्यवहार के अन्तर्गत आने वाले व्यापारिक घरानों की संख्या क्या है;

(ख) 31 मार्च, 1996 तक देश में कितनी बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनियां काम कर रही हैं;

(ग) एम० आर० टी० पी० के अन्तर्गत आने वाले उन गैर-बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनियों तथा बहुराष्ट्रीय घरानों का ब्यौरा क्या है जो 31 मार्च, 1995 और 1996 को लाभ दिखा रहे थे; और

(घ) उक्त एककों द्वारा 31 मार्च, 1996 तक आय कर, बिक्री कर और उत्पाद-शुल्क के रूप में कुल कितनी राशि का भुगतान किया गया?

विधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री (श्री एम० थम्बी दुरई): (क) से (घ): एकाधिकार तथा अवरोधक व्यापारिक व्यवहार अधिनियम, 1969 के अध्याय III के भाग क को 27.9.1991 से हटाए जाने के परिणाम स्वरूप, बड़े औद्योगिक घरानों को अब एम० आर० टी० पी० अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास पंजीकृत कराए जाने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है। अतः औद्योगिक घरानों से संबंधित आंकड़े कम्पनी कार्य विभाग द्वारा अलग से नहीं एकत्र किये जाते हैं। साथ ही बहुराष्ट्रीय तथा गैर-बहुराष्ट्रीय कम्पनी की कोई सर्वमान्य परिभाषा नहीं है तथा सरकार बहुराष्ट्रीय या गैर-बहुराष्ट्रीय कम्पनियों के तथाकथित वर्गीकरण के आधार पर देश में कार्यरत कम्पनियों के कोई आंकड़े नहीं रखती है।

Review of old and outdated laws

3036. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: will the Minister of LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered indepth review of old and outdated Laws and Regulations with a view to do away with redundant clauses and bring out desirable changes in the gamut of Indian Legislation to bring it on compatible level with the legal systems and framework in other advanced countries of the world;

(b) if so, the details of Government's thinking and plans afoot in this regard and details of the progress achieved so far; and

(c) the details of fresh initiatives proposed in this regard for further update?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Law commission of India has been requested to undertake study on review/repeal of obsolete laws and submit its Report thereon. The Government has also constituted a Commission for the review of administrative laws, regulations and procedures. Both the Law Commission of India and the commission of Review of Administrative Laws are presently examining the matter.